GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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ADMISSION OF SCS/STS STUDENTS IN NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee headed by the Prime Minister recommended for ensuring admission of students from SCs/STs community to the fullest extent of the quota of seats reserved for this community;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the total number of seats offered in different faculties/disciplines in the National School of Drama (NSD) in all the courses during the last three years, year-wise and the number of SCs/STs among them; and

(d) the reasons for not implementing the said recommendations in toto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) One of the recommendations of the Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee was to ensure Admission of SCs & STs in colleges and Universities to fullest extent of Reservation.

(b) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has informed that they have communicated the recommendations for follow up action to the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education.

(c) & (d) Every year the National School of Drama admits 20 students to their three year Diploma Course in Dramatics.This selection is by way of a two-tier interview. Four seats out of twenty are earmarked for SC/ST candidates, preferably those hailing from families traditionally connected with performing arts. Only if suitable candidates are not available the seats are offered to suitable general category candidates. Four SC/ST candidates were selected for admission in 1996-97 two each in 1997-98, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and three in 1998-99.